

REMARKS

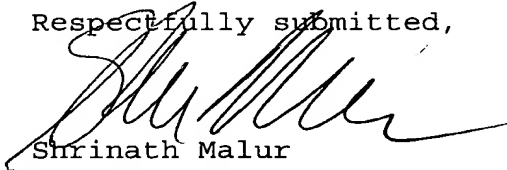
Claims 4, 6, 13, 15 and 21 have been amended. Claims 1 and 27-28 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 29-42 have been added. Accordingly, claims 2-10, 12-21 and 29-42 are currently pending in the application.

New claims 29-35 are method claims and new claims 36-42 are system claims corresponding to medium claims 15-21.

Applicants request acknowledgment of receipt of the priority document (JP 2000-184561) filed September 15, 2003. A copy of the date-stamped mailroom receipt is attached as evidence that the Patent Office received the document.

Examination is hereby requested.

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